

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUSTIN TOMORROW
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE UNIVERSITY
HILLS/WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) In 1979, the City Council adopted the “Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.”
- (B) Article X, Section 5 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to adopt by ordinance additional elements of a comprehensive plan that are necessary or desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification, including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans.
- (C) In October, 2005, an initial survey was distributed to residents in the neighborhood planning area, and subsequent meetings were held with the City of Austin Neighborhood planning staff and homeowners, renters, business owners, non-profit organizations and non-resident property owners to prepare a neighborhood plan. The University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan followed a process first outlined by the Citizens’ Planning Committee in 1995, and refined by the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Planning Committee in 1996. The City Council endorsed this approach for neighborhood planning in a 1997 resolution. This process mandated representation of all of the stakeholders in the neighborhood and required active public outreach. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to consider the plan in a 2005 resolution. During the planning process, the University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan planning team gathered information and solicited public input through the following means:
- (1) neighborhood planning team meetings;
 - (2) collection of existing data;
 - (3) neighborhood inventory;
 - (4) neighborhood survey;
 - (5) neighborhood workshops; and

1 (6) community-wide meetings.

2 (D) The University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan recommends action
3 by the neighborhood planning team, the City, and by other agencies to
4 preserve and improve the neighborhood. The University Hills/Windsor Park
5 Neighborhood Plan has eight major goals:

6 (1) Promote and maintain the single-family residential character of the
7 neighborhood.

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9 (2) Attract needed vendors and service providers into the planning area
10 through support for local businesses and revitalization/redevelopment
11 of neighborhood shopping areas.

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13 (3) Improve the aesthetic look of the planning area with the use of
14 landscaping, reduction of billboards, and quality design of business
15 structures and surroundings.

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17 (4) Encourage a diversity of housing options at various levels of
18 affordability dispersed throughout the neighborhood.

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20 (5) Improve the existing transportation system and support expanded
21 public transportation services.

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23 (6) Protect and enhance all natural and environmentally-sensitive features
24 of the area, especially Little Walnut Creek, Tannehill Creek, and
25 Fort Branch Creek, and tributaries and springs of these three creeks.

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27 (7) Increase opportunities for physical recreation through parkland, an
28 improved pedestrian and bicycle environment, and built environment
29 planning.

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31 (8) Support the area's ethnic and language diversity and foster greater
32 communication among area residents.

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34 (E) The University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan goals are further
35 described in the Plan Summary section of the Plan.

36 (F) On June 26, 2007, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the
37 University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan, and recommended
38 adoption of the plan by the City Council.

1 (G) The University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan is appropriate for
2 adoption as an element of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. The
3 University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan furthers the City
4 Council's goal of achieving appropriate, compatible development within the
5 area. The University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan is necessary
6 and desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development,
7 and beautification in the area.

8 **PART 2. ADOPTION AND DIRECTION.**

- 9 (A) Chapter 5 of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is amended to add
10 the University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan as Section 5-22 of the
11 Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, which is
12 incorporated as part of this ordinance.
- 13 (B) The city manager shall prepare zoning cases consistent with the land use
14 recommendations in the Plan.
- 15 (C) The city manager shall provide periodic updates to the City Council on the
16 status of the implementation of the University Hills/Windsor Park
17 Neighborhood Plan.
- 18 (D) The specific provisions of the University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood
19 Plan take precedence over any conflicting general provision in the Austin
20 Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

21 **PART 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2007.
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25 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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31 Will Wynn
32 Mayor

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34 **APPROVED:** _____
35 David Allan Smith
36 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk